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THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 24, 1976 EXTENDING
THE LIBERIAN TERRITORIAL SEA TO 200 MILES WAS APPROVED
BY THE LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 16, 1977 AND BECAME LAW
WITH ITS PUBLISHING MAY 10, 1977. THE FULL TEXT IS
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:
AN ACT TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA ON DECEMBER 24, 1976

IT IS ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLEM:

SECTION 1. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA ON DECEMBER 24, 1976 AS SET OUT
FULLY BELOW, IS HEREBY APPROVED:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF
LIBERIA TO 200 MILES

WHERAS, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND DELIMITE THE
TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA

AND APPROVED JUNE 24, 1968; AND
WHERAS, BY THAT ACT, THE TERRITORIAL AREA OF
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS EXTENDED TO A DISTANCE OF
12 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA; AND
WHEREAS, IT HAS NOW BECOME NECESSARY TO PROVIDE
FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE COASTLINE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND PRESERVE THE INTEREST OF THE
LIBERIAN PEOPLE OVER AN EXTENDED AREA OF THE SEA
ADJACENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, BY VIRTUE OF THE
AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT,
EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, THE
TERRITORIAL SEA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA SHALL
EXTEND TO A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) NAUTICAL
MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 24TH

DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1976.

SIGNED: WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.

PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA

SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY
UPON PUBLICATION IN HAND-BILLS.

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